



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION DRINKING WATER WEEK

WHEREAS: The health, safety, and well-being of all Georgians are of utmost importance to the prosperity and livelihood of our families and communities across the state. Georgia's streams, lakes, rivers, watersheds, and other clear water sources must be protected to maintain the health of our citizens as well as our wildlife and fishery populations; and

WHEREAS: Water security is accomplished at multiple levels by protecting natural water resources, keeping drinking water supplies clean and safe, planning for adequate future water supply, improving operations and water system fortification, establishing infrastructure and policy, and providing physical protection of water treatment and distribution infrastructure; and

WHEREAS: Protecting Georgia's water supply and other natural resources is crucial to the preservation of our environment and the health of future generations of Georgians. It is therefore the duty of all citizens to obey laws that are designed to protect Georgia's water supplies for both our usage and the safety of our state's diverse ecological systems; and

WHEREAS: The Southeast Community Assistance Project, Inc. aids rural towns and communities in upgrading water and wastewater systems. The project provides the training and technical assistance necessary to improve water security and increase public awareness of the significance of local water supplies and the need to keep them safe and secure; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 7-13, 2017, as DRINKING WATER WEEK in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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